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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants provide the present response to address the issues raised in the Office Action mailed July 16, 2004 ("the Office Action").

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Proposed Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.



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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT in the above-identified patent application.

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27.
 No additional fee is required.
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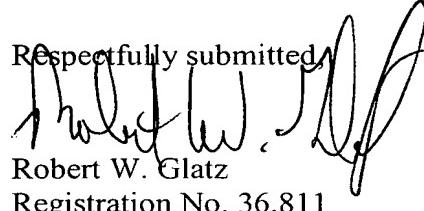
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- A check in the amount \$ 86.00 to cover additional independent claim fee is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.
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- Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,


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